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Sir,

In response to a third non-final Office Action mailed on July 5, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Authorization is given to charge the **fee of \$1430** to Deposit Account 12-2368. The amount represents the following fees:

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.